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**Department of Chemistry**  
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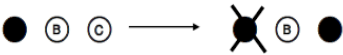
Time Limit: 60 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Check that this examination paper consists of **12 pages total, printed on both sides.**
2. Answer all questions on the separate bubble sheet provided.  
**Any answers written on this examination paper will NOT be graded.**
3. The last page of this examination paper is a sheet of supplementary information and the Periodic Table. You may detach this page.
4. The only calculators permitted are the Sharp EL-510 series. All other calculators will be confiscated by the invigilators.
5. Unassembled model kits are allowed. Models cannot have writing/marks on them. Instruction sheets are NOT permitted.
6. No electronic communication devices are permitted on writing desks. Your electronics must be powered off and out of reach.
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Selecting option "D"
10. If you've written in pen and want to change your response, then draw a neat "X" over the response you do NOT want marked and fill in your new response.
 



Pen: Changing an answer from "A" to "C"

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You may use it for rough work.***

**PART I. Multiple Choice [32 marks total]**

For each numbered statement below, identify the letter that corresponds to the best answer. There is only one correct answer per question. Record your responses on the separate bubble sheet. Only responses given on the bubble sheet will be marked.

- [2 marks] Arrange the following atoms (from molecules) in order of increasing electronegativity.
  - Al < C < Si < S < Cl
  - C < Al < S < Si < Cl
  - Cl < C < Si < Al < S
  - Al < Si < C < S < Cl**
  - C < Al < Si < Cl < S
  
- [2 marks] Which of the following ionic compounds is expected to have the smallest lattice energy?
  - KBr**
  - NaCl
  - BaS
  - LiF
  - ScN
  
- [2 marks] The C–O bond order for the carbonate anion,  $[\text{CO}_3]^{2-}$ , (C is the central atom) is best described as:
  - between 0 and 1
  - exactly 1
  - between 1 and 2**
  - exactly 2
  - between 2 and 3
  
- [2 marks] Which of the following molecules has a trigonal planar molecular shape and a net dipole moment? The central atom in each molecule is underlined.
  - PCl<sub>2</sub>F
  - BF<sub>3</sub>
  - BrF<sub>3</sub>
  - SO<sub>3</sub>
  - CH<sub>2</sub>O**
  
- [2 marks] Which of the following compounds has a seesaw molecular shape? The central atom in each molecule is underlined.
  - PH<sub>3</sub>
  - AlCl<sub>3</sub>
  - AsF<sub>3</sub>
  - TeCl<sub>4</sub>**
  - CH<sub>2</sub>O

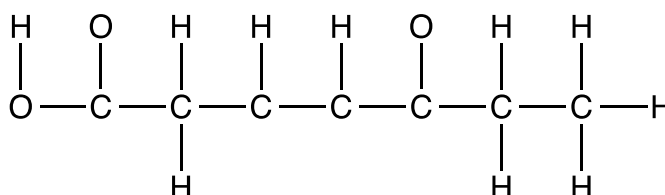
6. [2 marks] Consider the best Lewis structures for perchlorate  $[\underline{\text{Cl}}\text{O}_4]^-$ , chlorate  $[\underline{\text{Cl}}\text{O}_3]^-$ , and chlorite  $[\underline{\text{Cl}}\text{O}_2]^-$ . The central atom in each ion is underlined. Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A. All have at least one lone pair of electrons on the central chlorine atom.
- B. All have tetrahedral molecular shape.
- C. All have two double bonds.
- D. All have the same oxidation state for chlorine.

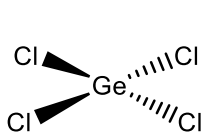
**(E.) All have one oxygen with a formal charge of  $-1$ .**

7. [2 marks] What is the maximum number of atoms that can lie in the same plane in the following molecule? Only atom connectivity is shown. Multiple bonds and lone pairs of electrons are omitted.

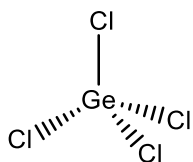
- A. 10
- B. 12
- (C.) 14**
- D. 16
- E. 20



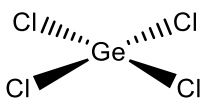
8. [2 marks] Which of the following is a correct perspective diagram of  $\text{GeCl}_4$ ?



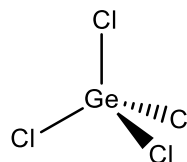
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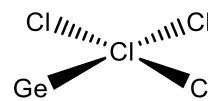
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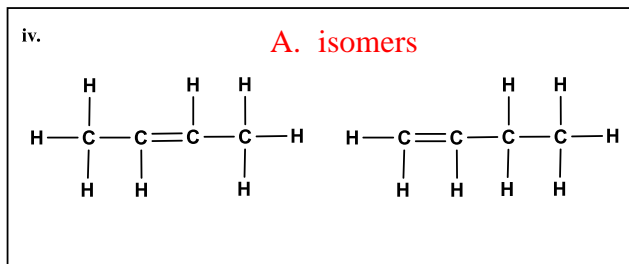
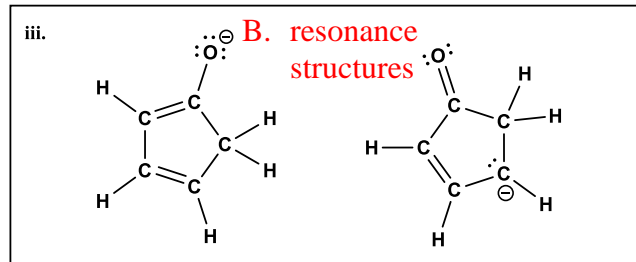
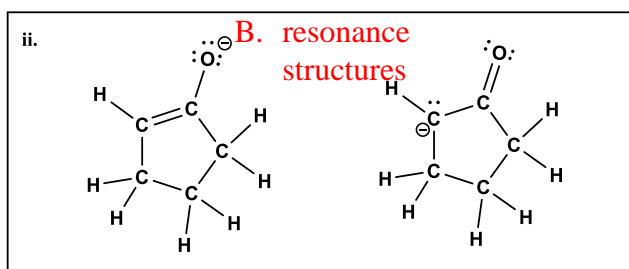
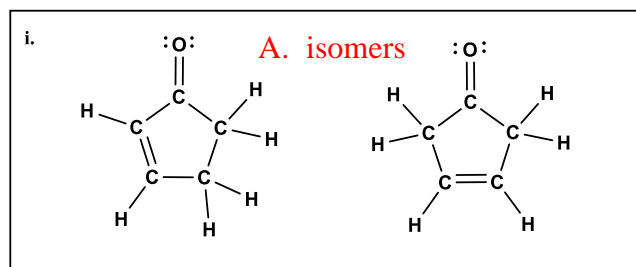
**(D.)**



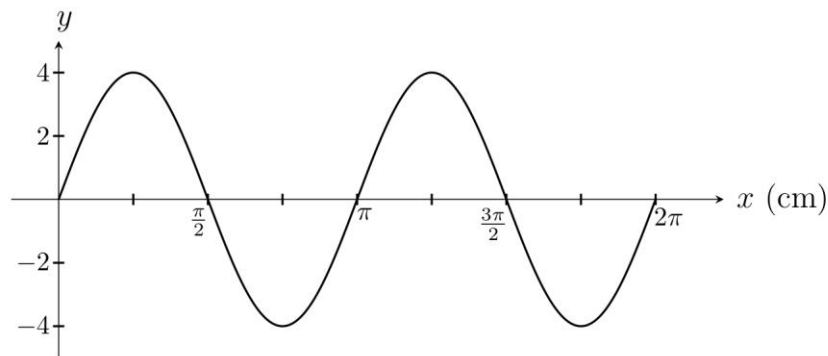
E.

9. [4 marks] For each part, i-iv, classify the pair of molecules below as:

- A. isomers
- B. resonance structures



10. [2 marks] What are the amplitude and wavelength of the following wave?



i. The amplitude is:

- A. 2
- B. 4**
- C. 8
- D.  $\pi$
- E.  $2\pi$

ii. The wavelength (in cm) is:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D.  $\pi$**
- E.  $2\pi$

11. [2 marks] What is the de Broglie wavelength of a hydrogen ( $^1\text{H}$ ) atom with a speed of  $5.0 \times 10^6$  m/s?

- A.  $7.9 \times 10^{-14}$  m**
- B.  $1.7 \times 10^{-14}$  m
- C.  $9.1 \times 10^{-15}$  m
- D.  $8.7 \times 10^{-15}$  m
- E.  $2.6 \times 10^{-15}$  m

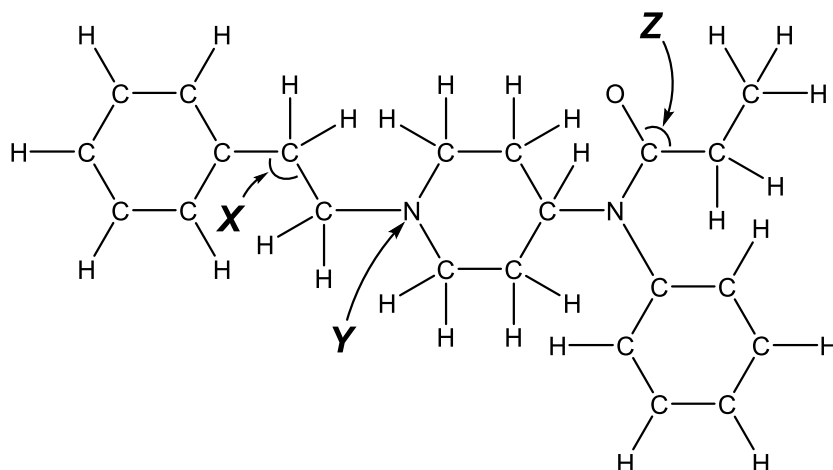
12. [2 marks] A standing wave has 7 nodes inside a box 24.0 cm in length. What is the wavelength,  $\lambda$ , of the standing wave?

- A.  $\lambda = 0.292$  cm
- B.  $\lambda = 2.00$  cm
- C.  $\lambda = 3.00$  cm
- D.  $\lambda = 3.43$  cm
- E.  $\lambda = 6.00$  cm**

13. [2 marks] Which one of the following statements is **TRUE** regarding a quantum particle in a one-dimensional box?

- A. The observed energy of the particle is quantized because the particle is confined.**
- B. If the particle has the lowest energy, it is always found in the middle of the box.
- C. There is only one physical solution to the Schrodinger equation.
- D. The ground state wavefunction has one node.
- E. The lowest energy of the particle is zero.

The skeletal structure of an organic molecule is shown below. Multiple bonds, lone electron pairs, and formal charges are not shown. Use the best Lewis structure of this molecule to answer questions 14 through 17.



14. [1 mark] The estimated C–C–C bond angle labeled **X** is:

- A.  $90^\circ$
- B.  $109.5^\circ$**
- C.  $120^\circ$
- D.  $135^\circ$
- E.  $180^\circ$

15. [1 mark] The molecular shape at the nitrogen atom labeled **Y** is:

- A. bent
- B. linear
- C. tetrahedral
- D. trigonal planar
- E. trigonal pyramidal**

16. [1 mark] The estimated O–C–C bond angle labeled **Z** is:

- A.  $72^\circ$
- B.  $90^\circ$
- C.  $109.5^\circ$
- D.  $120^\circ$**
- E.  $135^\circ$

17. [1 mark] The total number of carbon atoms with tetrahedral molecular shape is:

- A. 8
- B. 9**
- C. 14
- D. 20
- E. None of the above

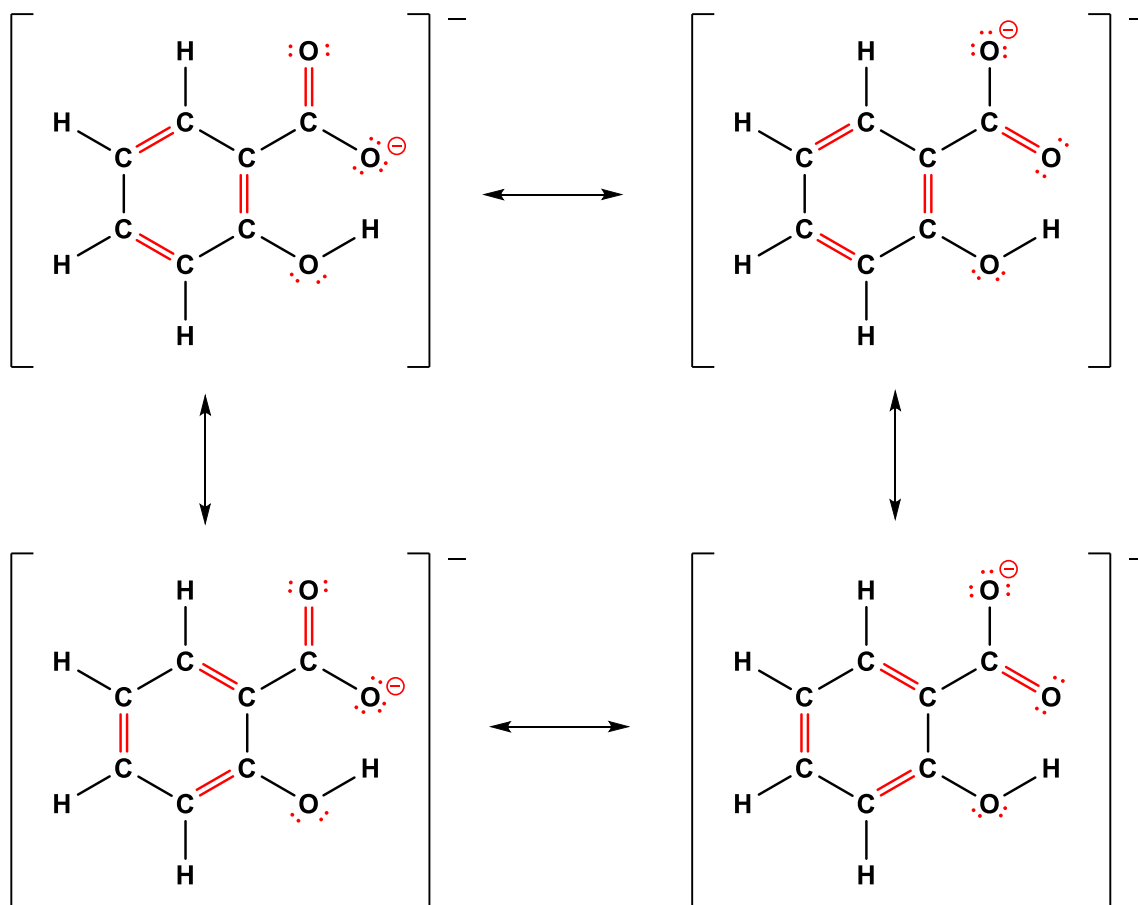
## PART II. Short Answer Questions [30 marks total]

Write all answers in the appropriate box on the separate bubble sheet.

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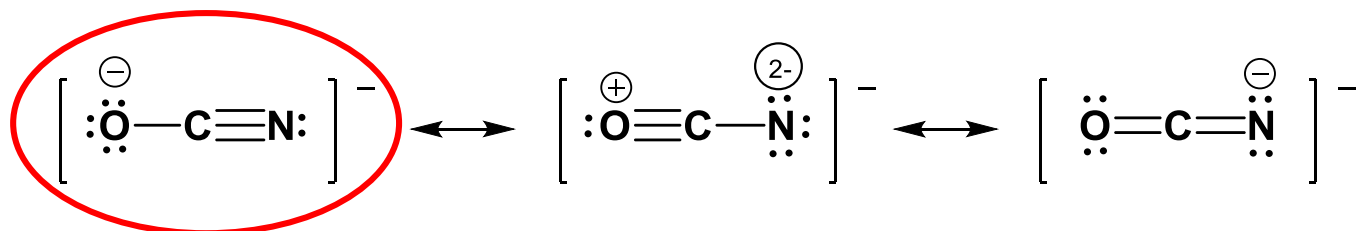
18. [4 marks] Complete the skeletal structures of the salicylate ion to give four best Lewis resonance structures. Show all lone pairs of electrons as pairs of dots and all additional bonds as lines. Write any non-zero formal charges on the appropriate atoms.

Templates for rough work:



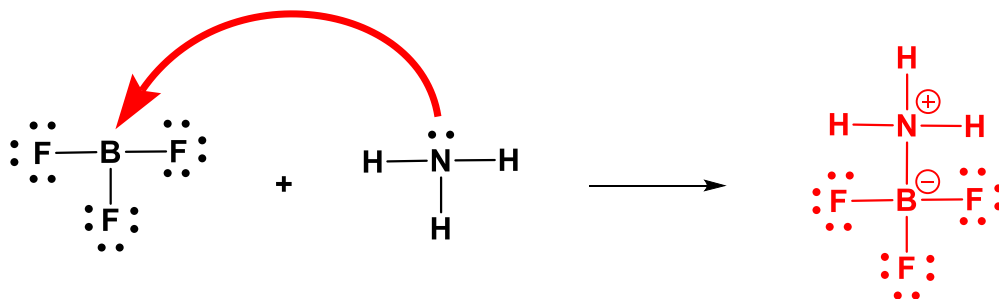
19. [4 marks] Complete the skeletal structures of the cyanate ion,  $[\text{OCN}]^-$ , to give three valid Lewis resonance structures. Show all lone pairs of electrons as pairs of dots and all additional bonds as lines. Write any non-zero formal charges on the appropriate atoms. Circle the best Lewis structure.

Templates for rough work:



20. [3 marks] Boron trifluoride,  $\text{BF}_3$ , and ammonia,  $\text{NH}_3$ , react to form a single product. The Lewis structures for  $\text{BF}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  are shown below. Draw the best Lewis structure for the product, including all formal charges and lone pairs, and draw a curved arrow to show how the product is formed from the two reactants.

Template for rough work:



21. [9 marks] Complete the table for the following molecules on the separate bubble sheet. The central atom in each molecule is underlined. Information on the polarity is given. For Lewis structures, be sure to show all lone pairs of electrons as pairs of dots and to indicate any non-zero formal charges on the appropriate atoms.

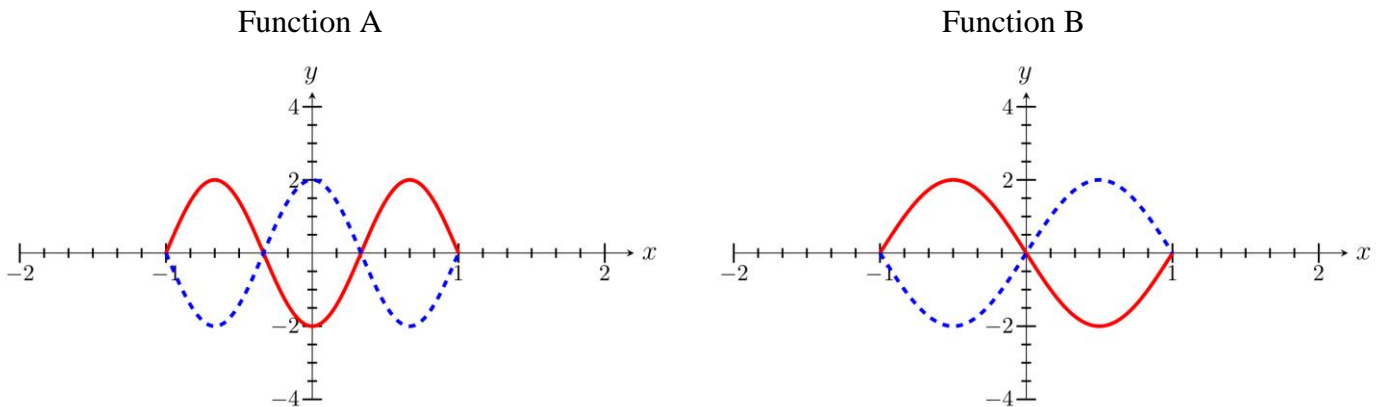
Template for rough work:

	Best Lewis Structure	Perspective Diagram	Molecular Shape
<p><u>Si</u>F<sub>4</sub> (Nonpolar)</p>			Tetrahedral
<p><u>Se</u>Cl<sub>4</sub> (Polar)</p>			seesaw
<p><u>Br</u>Cl<sub>3</sub> (Polar)</p>			T-shaped
<p><u>Xe</u>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (Polar)</p>			Square Planar

22. [4 marks] Draw two sinusoidal functions, Function A and Function B, which satisfy the following conditions:

- Function A and Function B both represent a quantum particle confined in a one-dimensional box with edges at  $x = -1$  and  $x = +1$ .
- Function A and Function B both have amplitudes of 2.
- Function A has exactly 2 nodes.
- Function A represents a higher energy than Function B.
- Function A and Function B both represent excited states.

Templates for rough work:



Could plot either the solid red line or the dashed blue line for each graph (NOT both on the same graph).

23. [6 marks] Consider the first six states (i.e.  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ ) of an electron in a one-dimensional box with length  $L$ . Using each state only once, determine an  $n$  value that matches each statement. Bubble in your final answers in the appropriate box on the bubble sheet.

- A state where the wavefunction has a wavelength of  $\lambda = L/3$  is:  $n = \underline{\quad 6 \quad}$
- The state where the wavefunction has the lowest kinetic energy is:  $n = \underline{\quad 1 \quad}$
- The state with exactly 4 most probable positions of finding the electron is:  $n = \underline{\quad 4 \quad}$
- A state where the average position is  $x = L/2$  is:  $n = \underline{\quad 2 \text{ (all)} \quad}$
- A state with exactly 4 nodes in the wavefunction is:  $n = \underline{\quad 5 \quad}$
- A state where one of the most probable positions is  $x = L/6$  is:  $n = \underline{\quad 3 \quad}$

**END OF EXAMINATION**

## Supplementary Information

### Potentially useful constants and conversion factors

$$1 \text{ Hertz} = 1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1} = 10^{-6} \text{ MHz}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^6 \mu\text{m} = 10^9 \text{ nm} = 10^{10} \text{ \AA} = 10^{12} \text{ pm}$$

$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$h = \text{Planck's constant} = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$N_A = \text{Avogadro's number} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$c = \text{speed of light} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ amu} = 1 \text{ u} = \text{atomic mass unit} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

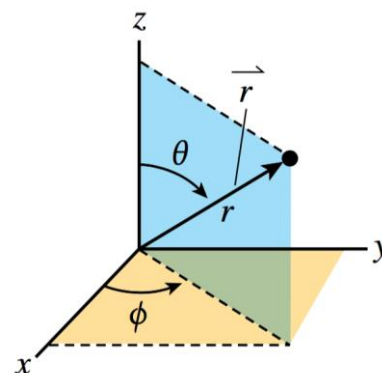
$$\text{electron mass} = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{proton mass} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$a_o = \text{Bohr radius} = 0.53 \text{ \AA}$$

$$R_H = \text{Rydberg constant} = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$



Spherical polar coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= r^2 \\ x &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z &= r \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

### Potentially useful formulae

$$v = \lambda \nu$$

$$f(x) = A \sin(2\pi x/\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = h/p = h/mv$$

$$E = mc^2$$

$$E_K = mv^2/2$$

$$E = h\nu$$

$$\Psi_n(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(n\pi x/L) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$E_K = E_{\text{light}} - E_{\text{binding}} = h(\nu - \nu_o)$$

$$E_n = h^2 n^2 / 8mL^2$$

$$E_n = -(2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}) Z^2/n^2$$

# PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

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2	He 4.003													5	6	7	8	9	10		
3	Li 6.941	4	Be 9.012													13	14	15	16	17	18
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